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RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY MARCH, 27, 1904.

THE MARE

HARD FIGHT FOR RELEASE OF J.M. KING

U. S. Supreme Court and Governor Appealed To.

PREACHERS ENDORSE LOCAL PETITION

Prisoner's Mother Slowly Dying and Is Desirous of Seeing Her Son.

JURORS, SAVE FOREMAN, SIGN PARDON PAPERS

A Brilliant Young Washington Lawyer Making Fight to Have Case Reviewed by United States' Supreme Court. Much Interest Felt by the Public.

Ex-Alderman John M. King, of Jefferon Ward, who is serving a term of one year in the city jail for accepting bribes member of the City Council, is applying in a double-barreled manner for

His local attorney, Mr. Ben T. Bar rett, presented a strong petition to Gov members of the trial jury and a number of ministers and citizens, asking for a commutation of sentence from one year to six months, which would mean immediate release, and at the same time a brilliant young lawyer of Washington, D. C., Mr. Levi David, was appealing to Chief Justice Fulier in the national capital for a writ of error, which, if granted, would bring the cdse for review before the United States Supreme Court.

From information received from Washington last night it is believed that Mr. David has strong hopes of success at that end, while the strongest kind of pressure is being brought to bear upon Governor Montague to induce him to act favorably on the case here.

The Contentions Made.

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All Signed Save One.

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The following members of the jury who tried King the second time endorse the petition without qualification: Messrs. W. T. Fitzgerald, John F. Wren, George F. Newell, J. B. Lambert, Ernest Young, Robert E. Jones, J. A. Moore, Philip Helstern, Charles Polindax-ter, James E. Hutcheson and F. B. Robertson.

ertson.

Mr. John C. Freeman, who was the foreman, makes the following endorse-

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"Belleving that the second trial of John M. King was not affected by prejudice, and that he was justly convicted. I am unable to sign the above petition; but if His Excellency, the Governor, can see any way to relieve the afflicted mother, I shall be much gratified."

"JOHN C. FREEMAN, "Foreman Second Trial Jury."

Other letters appended to the paper are as follows:

are as follows:
"Solely on the ground of clemency, and with no reference to Mr. King's trial, I would be glad to see His Excellency, the Governor, if he sees fit, grant this re-

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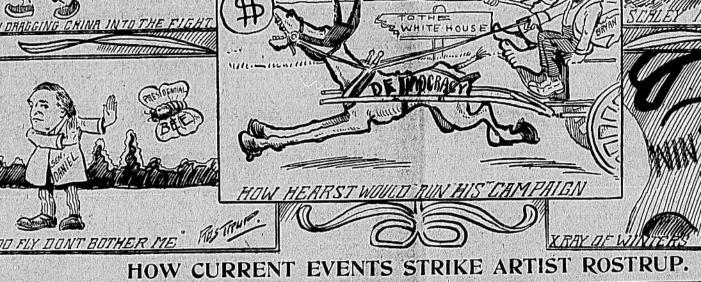
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Much Public Interest.

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no move made by art. David to g before Chief Justice Fuller gives littonal interest to the matter, and it be anxiously watched by the man his friends at hoth ends. is said that the young Washington yet presented his case in a clear and eful manner and was complimented the Chief Justice upon the conclusion his argument.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Arrives in Sydney.

Dr. Cooper received a message yes-terday from the British-American To-bacco Company, of New York, advising him of a cablegrum from his son, George,

TURNS TO FUNERAL

Mr. Henry Miller Paralyzed and

Dies at Time of Brother's

25th, in Sydney, Australia.

A CELEBRATION

FOR RUSSELL COUNTY

AN ELECTRIC LINE

TWO BILLS GO UNSIGNED

They Are Those Extending Time for Payment Franchise Tax and Norfolk Toll Roads.

REASONS OF THE GOVERNOR

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corporations for the year 1994, and
to allow the board of supervisors
Norfolk county to purchase the toil
is of said county.

ALMOST HAD FOR THE GOOD TWO JOBS OF THE YOUNG

But Major Symons Declined One Important Conference To-mor-When He Found There Was No Pay.

eneral public has probably given little attention to the effort which has been troduced some weeks ago to allow Maber of the board of engineers in connec

Major Symons be appointed, and it is

row Looking to Betterment of Our Educational System.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR HAY PUBLIC MEETING AT NIGHT

are looking forward with much interwhich will convene in the Senate cham-

Ladies to Lend Aid.

Ladies to Leng there will with the gentlemen named there will be associated a number of ladies whose associated a number of ladies whose associated and solvential so he associated a number of ladies whose services are sagerly sought in all good works. Mrs. B. B. Valentine, whose successful direction of the Richmond Education Association has stimulated so much interest in our schools; Mrs. B. C. Minor. Mrs. L. R. Dashiell and Mrs. W. T. Brooke, of Norfolk, will attend the conference and give their cordial support to its efforts.

Indications point to a most successful meeting. Letters of acceptance have been received from all those who have been invited to attend the preliminary conference to be held, to-morrow morning.

LEFT HANDSOME AMOUNT TO HIS FAITHFUL HORSE

(Special to The Times-Dispaten.)
ST. LOUIS. MO., March 20.—"In case that my horse Tarry, which I have used for nearly twenty-three years, survives me, I order that \$2,000 of my estate be placed in trust at six per cent, per annum and said interest used for his feed and shelter and care as long as he lives, and after his death said \$2,000 shall be divided among my legal hyirs."

The clause in the will of the late Dr. John Gliwee makes Tarry the wealthiest horse in the State. Dr. Gliwee died yesterday. He had never married, and he lavished on his faithful horse a large part of his affection.

ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS EACH FOR DICKENS'S NOVELS

(Special to The Timez-Dispatch.) March 26.—At a cost ten sets of the works

ren of wealth.
The books will be printed on rare parch

CENTENARIANS DIE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA. March 27.—
Mrs. Allen Rose, who died yesterday at her home near Rappahanneck Academy, in Carolina county, was a centenarian, having reached her one hundredth birthday last January. Botsey Hunter, a former slave of the late Major W. W. Thornton, who died a few days ago in the same locality, had also passed her one hundredth birthday.

RIVAL BANKS IN NORFOLK

SULLY LAYS THE BLAME ON HAWLEY

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

Railroad Man Promised Money, Then Dodged

MR. HAWLEY REPLIES "YOU ARE ANOTHER"

Says Relations Between Him and Sully Were Only as Customer and Broker.

DETHRONED COTTON KING HAS PERSONAL COUNSEL

This Lawyer Declares That Sully and Witnesses Tell Him Amazing Things, Which Show That Hawley Was Partner and Jumped Responsibility

NEW YORK, March 26.—Daniel J. Sully, the falled cotton speculator, said he had secured personal counsel to whom the prosecution of a suit against

ected by Mr. Sully. Edwin Hawley is holls and St. Louis Railroads, and is

Sully's statement.

Mr. Sully's statement reads as follows?

"Previous to my suspension, Mr. Cutcheon, of Hornblower. Byrne, Miller and Potter, had at various times since I had been doing business in New York acted for me in several legal matters. I know that he and his firm had also acted in various matters for Mr. Hawley, When I suspended I consulted with Mr. Cutcheon. He had no knowledge at that time of any possible conflict between the interests of Mr. Hawley and myself, when it appeared that there might be

Hawley's Statement.

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What Counsel Says.

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John R. Dos Passos, who has been retained for the firm of Daniel J. Sully and Company, gave out the following statement this afternoon:

Fight to the Finish Between Local Financial

Giants.

Special to The Times-Dispatch.).

NORFOLK, VA., March 28.—The minority stockholders of the Citizens Bank are booming the Virginia-Carolina Trust Company. The stock of this institution has risen from part to \$100 in a week. One of the former Citizens officials is quoted as saying that the opposition can buy a bank and its building, but not its patrons.

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THREE SPEAKERS AT EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE.



line would penetrate a rich section, which is greatly in need of railway facilities and which, it is believed, would yield business enough to make the investment a paying one, the prospect for the success of the project seems bright. The plan is to provide for the transportation of freight, as well as passengers, and for this purpose freight cars would be provided. DR. CHARLES D. M'IVER.

the time for the assessment and payment of the franchise tax on corporations, the Governor said:

"I am of opinion that this bill is plainly unconstitutional in several important respects; that it discriminates between those corporations which have paid the iax and those which have not, and is tax and those which have not, and is therefore unjust; and that if enacted, it would throw the administration of the franchise tax law into icextricable confusion. For these and of per reasons, my duty is plain that I saouth withhold my signature. I regret that the Legislature is not present, that the bill might be transmitted to them for further consideration."

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PROF. C.W. KENT

Much of the credit of the defeat of the Much of the credit of the defeat of the bill is due to Representative Hay, of Virginia, who has opposed it from the beginning. Major Symons draws from the government every year of his life the sum of \$4.600 as an officer in the army, and the bill proposed to allow him \$5.500 as a member of the canal board, making a total salary of \$13.000 a year.

Didn't Want Job Then.

The committee was unable to get over The committee was unable to get over this double salary feature, though strong liftuence was brought to bear in favor of the bill. Finally, the committee reported in favor of allowing Major Symons to accept the position, but providing that he should discharge all the duties required of him as an officer in the army, for which he was not to receive pay. Major Symons promptly declined to undertake the service under these conditions.

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There was no precedent in the legislative history of the country for the passage of such an act, which fact probably had its influence upon the committee, but the determining reason was a letter from Secretary Root, the day before he resigned the office of Secretary of War, in which he stated that there was urgent need for an increase in the number of men in the engineer corps, not because they were needed for military purposes, but because so many were engaged on river and harbor work, and other work of an engineering character which it has long been the custom of Congress to commit to the engineers of the army. General Charfee, chief of the general staff, in a letter forwarded to the committee along with Mr. Roots letter to Speaker Caunon, sold he could not recommend the increase were it not that so many of the army engineers were congaged in civil work.

sembly the discussions of educational problems commanded much attention. The Public Meeting.

PROF. S. C. MITCHELL.

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The public meeting which citizens and offers interested in the cause of education are invited to attend, will be helf in the hall of the House of Delegates Tuesday evening, at 8:30 o'clock. Governor Montague will preside, On this occasion brief addresses will be made on topics of large import to every pitizen. Prominent among those who will talk at this public meeting are the following distinguished educators: Dr. Grarles E. Vawter, superintendent of the Miller School; Dr. S. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College; Dr. Charles D. Melver, of North Carollina; Dr. Charles D. Melver, of North Carollina; Dr. Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia. These gentlemen easily rank in the forefront of Southern educators, and are profoundly interested in every movement that tends to put a higher estimate on life. Dr. Vawter has earned a national reputation as the director of the work of the Miller School, and is a wiso counselor in all solucational matters. He makes no display of oratorical abilities, but is one of the strongest-minded men in the South, and on the platform is always the center of attraction. Drs. Mitchell and Kent are excellent types of the "scholar in civilife," and never fail to eurich the spiritual life of their auditors. Dr. Melver persesses a wide acquantiance with edicational conditions in the South, and is one of the most attractive orators engaged in school work. His ability as a pleader for the mulnenance of the highest and best things in our civilization brings him into close touch with large movements for the betterment of school systems.

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Btate Female Normal School; Professor
W. A. Rowies, of Staunton; Professor
Bird of William and Mary College; Superintendent E. C. Glass, of Lynchburg;
Superintendent William F. Fox. of Richmond, are well known Virginia school
men. They are thoroughly informed as